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(*d*) whether all these nominations were made with a view to get No. 1 elected as President of the Committee so that the Committee's influence might be used at the coming Legislative Council elections?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No. The Government thought that Mr. Laxminarain Naik will be a useful member in the Committee.
(*c*) No.
(*d*) No.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I ask, with reference to clause (*b*) of the answer, whether it is a fact that neither the Collector nor the Endowments Board suggested the name of this gentleman, Mr. Laxminarain Naik?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Collector it was that suggested that Mr. Laxminarain was a desirable person to be appointed."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I ask whether, if that is so, he was asked about it after the nomination or before it was made?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Before the nomination."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I ask whether the Endowments Board was consulted about this?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" In regard to these persons, we generally consult the Collector who is better acquainted with the locality."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Was the name suggested by the Collector or was it the Government that made the reference?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Government made a reference to the Collector."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Did this Mr. Laximinarain Naik come to the Minister with Mr. Shetty, and asked for nomination?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" Who suggested the name of this gentleman in the first instance?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Mr. Shetty himself."

Assignment of Lands

Assignment of lands to depressed classes of Kalathi village, Harpanahalli taluk.

*173 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there have been any applications from the depressed classes for the assignment on patta of the cultivable area in S. No. 381 of Kadathi village, Harpanahalli taluk, Bellary district, and if so, how they have been disposed of; and

(*b*) whether S. No. 381 or any portion of it is included in the list of lands available for depressed classes?

A.—(*a*) So far as can be ascertained, the Government have received no such application.
(*b*) The Government have not the information.